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REMARKS

Appreciation is hereby expressed to Examiner Prats for the interview so courteously granted to the undersigned and Dr. Yoshida on July 18, 2001. Pursuant to that interview, Claims 1 and 15 were revised to clarify that the method of treatment comprises applying to the skin before or during exposure to ultraviolet light an endermic liniment having an active ingredient consisting essentially of glutathione. This amendment is believed to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and more definitely set forth the invention. The present amendment is deemed not to introduce new matter. Claims 1-4 and 15-17 remain in the application.

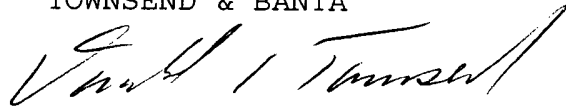
During the interview, there was considerable discussion of whether the Examiner's primary reference of N'Guyen disclosed the use of free glutathione (as opposed to complex glutathione) in the cosmetic preparation of N'Guyen. It is believed that the language in Claims 1 and 15 herein of "an active ingredient consisting essentially of glutathione" would exclude glutathione in a complex form as disclosed by N'Guyen. For this reason, it is believed that Claims 1 and 15, more clearly distinguish from the N'Guyen reference.

The application is now believed to be in condition for

allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event that there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS 1 AND 15

1. (Fourth Amended) A method of treatment for prevention of immunosuppression due to contact of the skin by ultraviolet light comprising applying to the skin before or during exposure to ultraviolet light an endermic liniment having an active ingredient consisting essentially of glutathione, the blend ratio of glutathione in the liniment, on a dry basis, being at least 0.005 wt%.

15. (Thrice Amended) A method of treatment for alleviating a reduction in immune functions due to contact of the skin by ultraviolet light, comprising applying to the skin before or during exposure to ultraviolet light a composition having an active ingredient consisting essentially of glutathione and a cosmetic carrier, the blend ratio of glutathione, in the composition, on a dry basis, being 0.005-20.0 wt%.